

within two locally-designated historic districts and may require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).

Division 1:

1. Prior to construction of this project, NCDOT Division 1 will review access points for residents and businesses due to the closing of the north leg of the Water Street/East Elizabeth Street intersection, and will modify those access points as necessary to establish acceptable turning radii for vehicles and trucks wishing to access the dead-ended portion of Water Street that is currently connected to US 158.

Division 1/Roadway Design Unit/Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch:

1. NCDOT will schedule reconstruction of the Pasquotank River Bridge to maintain normal bridge openings to accommodate water vessel traffic for as much time as possible during construction. During design, NCDOT will contact the US Coast Guard (USCG) for a Section 9 permit, as well as to negotiate appropriate open/closure regimes. NCDOT must obtain USCG approval to close the waterway to boat traffic – a minimum of 45 days prior to construction activities. During the final design process NCDOT will continue to coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Navigation Section in Norfolk concerning navigation depth and channel maintenance. NCDOT will furthermore coordinate with USACE entities managing the Dismal Swamp Canal to ensure that adequate waterway closure notices are provided to canal users. Phasing coordination should consider closure of the westbound bridge for approximately three months while the electro-mechanical systems are replaced, as well as consider the potential for replacing the fender system on one or both structures.
2. NCDOT will conduct a public meeting 3 to 6 months prior to construction, inviting building owners and occupants who are in close proximity to the project. The purpose of this meeting will be to describe the selected construction method and explain any surveys that will be performed prior to, during, or following construction.

Roadway Design Unit:

1. During design, NCDOT will ensure that sidewalks and bicycle travel lanes will have a safe transition to a protected area or terminus on the section of US 158 that lies east of the Pasquotank River.
2. Designs will include a north-to-south pedestrian and bicycle facility across the proposed grassy area that is created by closing the north leg of Water Street, at NCDOT expense.

Roadway Design Unit/Utility Coordination Unit:

1. NCDOT will coordinate with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Public Water Supply Plan Review Section to obtain approval of plans and specifications prior to construction.